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TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, OVIP, (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ROLE OF UN FORCE

REF: (A) SECTO 08035, (B) LONDON 12857, (C) STATE 183319
(TOSEC 80119)

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HE ANTICIPATES NEED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING

MEETINGS WITH OTHER PARTIES. IN ANY EVENT, OWEN FORSEES TWO-STAGE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION CONSISTING OF (A) INITIAL RESOLUTION ENPOWERING SYG TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE, AND (B) SUBSEQUENT UN ACTION ESTABLISHING PEACE KEEPING FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS AND ROLE AGREED UPON BY UK AND SYG REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO ACTUAL COMMENCEMENT OF TRANSITION PERIOD.

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